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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 20, 2004 (Paper No. 3), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 20, 2004, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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